MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : A statement* containing the information on the points raised is laid on the table.

Selection of Papers for publishing Advertisements.

173. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any understanding to the effect that Government and departmental advertisements should be given only to certain specified newspapers in this State for publication ;

(*b*) if so, the reasons for the same ; and

(*c*) the names of the newspapers that are chosen for the purpose ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The answer is in the negative ; but generally advertisements are given to the papers of standing having the widest circulation.

(*b*) and (*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) above, these questions do not arise.

Expenditure on New Roads.

174. **MR. ITTOOP ITTEECHAN** (*Kunnatnad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount spent in 1101, 1102 and 1103, respectively, for the opening of new roads in Travancore as also the amount provided for the year 1104 ;

(*b*) what portion of the amount spent by them in 1101, 1102 and 1103, respectively, for opening new roads has been made use of for Devicolam, Peermade and other parts of the High Ranges for this purpose and what portion of the amount sanctioned for 1104 has been ear-marked for the High Ranges ; and

(*c*) if the major portion of the amount sanctioned each year for the opening of new roads is being spent only for the High Ranges where traffic is very light, the reason for the same ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) A statement† containing the information is laid on the table.

(*c*) The percentage would show that only what is absolutely required is spent on the High Ranges, considering the necessity for opening up unopened country for fully tapping the resources of the land.

The Work of the Sanitary Officers on Cholera Duty.

175. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) who were the Sanitary Officers on cholera duty, along with charge of the Circle, during the cholera epidemic in South Travancore from 1-10-1103 up to date (22-3-1104) ;

(*b*) whether the Sanitary Commissioner had occasion to inspect the work of these officers ; and

(*c*) whether their work was found to be satisfactory, and, if not, what action has been taken in the matter ?

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* *Vide* Appendix V—page 340.

† *Vide* Appendix VI—page 341.

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